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TITLE: ANNULAR GAP SEAL FOR A VALVE

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

**MAIL STOP AF**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 24, 2007, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper and include a Substitute Specification.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.